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HAULING OPERATIONS ON USSR RAILWAYS

IMPORTANT FREIGHT STATIONS -- Moscow, Gudok, 21 Oct 53

The task now confronting the railroad workers is the continuous fulfillment of the state hauling plan for all types of freight. Daily, the railroad systems must work out operational measures, paying particular attention to the loading points of important types of freight, including consumer goods. Of all the freight hauled on USSR railroads, 17 stations handle 31 percent of all sugar, 21 stations handle 51 percent of all cloth, 16 stations handle 50 percent of all cotton, and 5 stations handle 73 percent of all salt. A steady flow of empties must be provided to these stations.

HAULING CONSUMER GOODS ON TRANSBAYKAL SYSTEM -- Moscow, Gudok, 24 Oct 53

The variety of goods hauled on the Transbaykal Railroad System is constantly increasing. In the third quarter of 1953, the trade organizations of Chitinskaya Oblast received for public sale 12 percent more silk fabrics, 54 percent more woolen fabrics, and 17 percent more sewn articles than in the second quarter of 1953. In September alone, 20 million rubles' worth of manufactured goods and food products were loaded and sent to the agricultural regions.

The hauling of consumer goods in October has increased and the monthly plan for loading and dispatching has been completed ahead of schedule. On 23 October on the Transbaykal Railroad System, the following were loaded above the plan: 78 cars of meat, 50 cars of vegetables, and 83 cars of footwear, clothing, bicycles, and other manufactured goods. Six million rubles' worth of cement, slate, iron, and other construction materials were sent to the agricultural regions for MTS and kolkhozes.

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Soon, new large consignments of cloth, fruits, canned goods, and tobacco products will arrive. Twenty cars of apples, bananas, and watermelons have already arrived [at Chita]. Four cars of motorcycles and various types of cultural goods will soon arrive.

#### CONSUMER GOODS ON BELORUSSIAN SYSTEM -- Moscow, Gudok, 25 Oct 53

During September and 20 days of October, 27,000 cars with various types of food and manufactured products were loaded and sent from stations of the Belorussian Railroad System. There were 120 cars of confectionery, 65 cars of canned goods, and more than 150 cars of butter dispatched above the norm.

Striving for an increase in consumer goods hauled, station workers have improved the technology of loading and classification work and have reduced car layover time. The crew of the Minsk-Tovarnyy-Vostochnyy Station, in the second 10-day period of October, reduced car layover time by .9 hours below the norm.

#### QUICKER HANDLING, PRESERVATION OF CONSUMER GOODS -- Ashkhabad, Turkmeneskaya Iskra, 11 Dec 53

On the Ashkhabad Railroad System, there has been an increase in the flow of consumer goods. The November flow, by comparison with September, has increased 50 percent. For more rapid movement of freight, a number of technical and organizational measures have been provided. In the freight office of the administration of the Ashkhabad Railroad System, two groups have been created to provide for the movement of food and manufactured products. For the hauling of less-than-carload consignments, a department has been organized, an additional number of local-distributing cars have been provided, and a special graph for their operation has been set up. The number of inspectors has been increased for a tighter control over the hauling of consumer goods.

The construction of a new container-handling area is being completed at Mary Station, and Nebit-Dag Station has begun the equipping of a container-handling point. In Ashkhabad, final preparations are now being made for the erection of a new ice plant for icing transit perishable freight. With the operation of this ice station, it will no longer be necessary to transport ice from Stalinabad.

#### NEW FREIGHT, BAGGAGE HAULING METHOD ON BALTIC SYSTEM -- Tallin, Sovetskaya Estoniya, 12 Dec 53

A new system for the reception of freight from organizations, kolkhozes, kolkhoz workers, and the city population has been introduced on the Baltic Railroad System. The necessary paper work for the reception of baggage has been simplified and the requirements for hauling agricultural freight have been changed. Under the new system, kolkhoz workers wishing to transport agricultural products need only present a statement that they belong to an artel. This gives them the right to transport produce weighing up to 100 kilograms on local and suburban trains.

The railroad tariffs for hauling agricultural freight in package consignments have been reduced 15-25 percent. After selling their surplus produce, kolkhoz workers who purchase furniture in the city stores may transport it by railroad under the same conditions.

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The new system of freight transportation also provides a number of advantages for passengers. The norm for hand luggage in local and suburban trains has been increased from 16 to 35 kilograms, and 50-75 kilograms of baggage may be hauled in the baggage car on each ticket.

OPERATION OF ABOVE-NORM-WEIGHT CONSISTS -- Kishinev, Sovetskaya Moldaviya, 11 Dec 53

A train was recently dispatched from Bendery Station with more than 2,000 tons of freight. This was the last above-norm-weight consist under the 1953 plan for freight transportation.

During 11 months of 1953, the locomotive engineers of Bendery Station have operated 4,500 above-norm-weight consists, hauling hundreds of thousands of tons of freight above the norm. Nearly 7,000 tons of fuel were saved.

Baku, Kommunist, 9 Feb 54

During 1953, 245 above-norm-weight trains were dispatched from Dzhul'fa Station, Transcaucasus Railroad System.

Moscow, Pravda, 12 Dec 53

During 11 months of 1953, nearly 22,000 above-norm-weight trains were operated on the Belorussian Railroad System.

Alma-Ata, Kazakhstanskaya Pravda, 12 Dec 53

Since the beginning of 1953, engineers of the Kurort Borovoye Engine Terminal of the Karaganda Railroad System have operated 2,200 above-norm-weight consists hauling 800,000 tons of freight above the norm.

The crew of the running-gear repair shop of the terminal have already completed the yearly plan and have promised to finish repairs on five more locomotives [before the end of the year].

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